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Tippecanoe County Prosecutor Hosts Week Long Gang Awareness and Identification Training Seminars for the Public, Law Enforcement and Indiana Gang Justice Professionals

Robert C. Walker, nationally recognized gang specialist, will be in Tippecanoe County for a week to present Gang Awareness and Identification Training for the public and four Gang Identification seminars for law enforcement and justice professionals who come in contact with gang members.

The public event will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Faith Community Center. Greater Lafayette area parents, educators, school personnel and administrators, emergency responders, healthcare workers, government employees/officials, neighborhood associations and concerned citizens are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn about the signs of gang activity in our community and how to counteract their illegal activity.

In addition, four training sessions have been arranged for law enforcement officers and justice professionals during the week of February 22-25, 2009. Over 500 officers have registered from 43 federal, state and local agencies across the state, including many local agencies - Lafayette Police Department, Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department, West Lafayette Police Department, Purdue University Police Department, Indiana State Police, TC Deputy Prosecutors, TC Community Corrections, TC Probation Department, TC Juvenile Alternatives, and the Lafayette Fire Department.

The public event is limited to those over the age of 18 years old.

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THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

ROBERT WALKER



Gang Awareness & Identification Training

Public Presentation

Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Nationally recognized gang expert and educator, Robert Walker will be in the Lafayette area to provide **Gang Awareness and Identification Training for the public.**

The Tippecanoe County Prosecutor is sponsoring the training and would like interested citizens to take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn about the signs of gang activity in our community.

Parents, educators, school personnel, emergency responders, healthcare workers, firefighters, government employees/officials, neighborhood associations and concerned citizens are encouraged to attend.

DATE: Tuesday, February 23, 2010

TIME: 7:00pm-9:00pm

**LOCATION: Faith Community Center
Multipurpose Room
5526 SR 26 E, Lafayette, IN**

***This presentation is limited to those 18 years of age or older.
Please bring state-issued identification.***

For any additional information:

Please contact Michelle Peterson via email at mpeterson@tippecanoe.in.gov or (765) 423-9737

Updates will be available on the **PSN Website**: <http://www.tippecanoe.in.gov/PSN/>

and on **TCPSN Facebook**

Information can be found on the following websites:

- Teachers Against Gangs: <http://www.teachersagainstgangs.com/>
- Students Against Gangs: <http://www.studentsagainstgangs.com/>
- Gang Cops Online: <http://www.gangcopsonline.com/>



Tippecanoe County Project Safe Neighborhoods Partner

Robert C. Walker ~ Brief Biography



Current

CONSULTING SOLUTION INC. National Criminal Street Gang Intelligence

- Chief Founding Officer, CEO, President

Gangs OR Us, (<http://www.gangsorus.com/>)

- President and CEO
- The Business of Gangs, Gang Members, and Gang Identification (from the website)
- Over 30,000,000 viewers

Police One, (<http://www.policeone.com/>)

- Community Moderator
- #1 Police and Law Enforcement Resource on the Internet, 400,000 members

Gang Cops Online, (<http://www.gangcopsonline.com/>)

- Founder
- A secure site for law and justice professionals specializing in gang crime, 800 members

Teachers Against Gangs, (<http://teachersagainstgangs.com/>)

- Founder
- Site for parents, teachers, school resource and other law enforcement officers, youth counselors and concerned citizens who have questions or who have something to offer in the way of helping others to cope with the gang problem.

Students Against Gangs, (<http://studentsagainstgangs.ning.com>)

- Founder
- Site for students to discuss gang issues and obtain assistance from expert gang professionals. Promoting a Gang Free Society through Student Communication

Post Retirement

United State Department of Justice, Consultant

South Carolina Department of Corrections with the Office of Internal Affairs, Coordinator, Gang Security Threat Group Unit

Retired

Drug Enforcement Administration, Agent in Charge, Columbia, South Carolina

Drug Enforcement Administration, Special Agent in Charge, Columbia, South America

Drug Enforcement Administration, Special Agent, United States; Caribbean Islands; Mexico; Columbia,

South America

U.S. Customs Agency, Special Agent
U.S. Border Patrol (California/Mexican border), Special Agent
State of Maryland Department of Corrections

Summary

Robert Walker, through a law enforcement career that spans six decades, has amassed experiences that are as diverse as any in the field of law enforcement. He began his career in 1956 with the State of Maryland Department of Corrections in an institution that incarcerated only habitual criminals and left state service eight years later as a lieutenant. He embarked, at this point, in 1964, on a federal law enforcement career that began with the U.S. Border Patrol on the California/Mexican border where, in addition to his duties involving the apprehension of illegal aliens and smugglers of aliens, he was involved in numerous seizures of narcotics. These narcotics investigations opened the door for a transfer to the U.S. Customs Agency as a Special Agent. In 1970 as a result of the hijacking and destruction of U.S. aircraft overseas, he served as one of the original sky marshals, assigned to protect U.S. registered airlines on international flights all over the world.

In 1973, as a result of a merger of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD) and U.S. Customs, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) was created as the sole federal agency responsible for the enforcement of the federal narcotic laws and as a result, he was transferred, as a Special Agent, to the new agency. During his tenure with DEA he conducted narcotic investigations within and outside of the U.S., primarily in Mexico. He also participated in numerous overseas special operations in Mexico, South America and the Caribbean Islands for extensive periods of time. He concluded his federal career in 1986 as the Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration office in Columbia, South Carolina.

Post retirement, in 1992 Mr. Walker accepted a position in the Office of Internal Affairs with the South Carolina Department of Corrections. In 1995 he was named the Agency's first Security Threat Group (gangs) Director and was responsible for all aspects of the development of the newly created program, to include the computer tracking system, and the identification of STG groups and their members. Mr. Walker was also responsible for the development of the department's gang identification training program and trained personnel at the SCDC academy and the 32 corrections facilities located throughout the state. He retired from this position in August 1998.

Since 1995 Mr. Walker has presented gang identification training classes to educators and city, county, state, and federal law enforcement personnel throughout South Carolina. He has also given presentations to major conferences and groups in the states of Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, (SE Region of Job Corps), Florida, (Performance Institute), Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee; the Illinois Department of Probation; the Idaho, North Carolina, and Ohio Departments of Corrections; Federal Bureau of Prisons facilities in Texas and Virginia, The American Jail Association, The National Major Gang Task Force and the Salt Lake City, Utah Annual Gang Conference. Also, The National District Attorney's Association (NDAA) Conference, the South Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Arson Investigators and the 7th Annual National Conference on Addiction and Criminal Behavior, held in St. Louis, MO

In 2004 he was selected as the only non attorney presenter for the National District Attorneys Association Conference held at the University of South Carolina. In 2005, on two occasions, he performed an evaluation study and provided gang awareness and identification training for law enforcement and citizens of the Grand Cayman Island and Cayman Brac, BWI. He also participated in a 90 minute talk radio program where the entire discussion focused on

gangs and the potential problem of gangs, created through the denial of their existence in the Cayman Islands.

As an expert witness he has been court qualified and has testified in capital murder and attempted murder trials involving gang activity in the state courts of South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, and Texas. He has also provided expertise in gang related cases in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington D.C. and Federal District Court, Richmond Virginia in a RICO gang/drug trial.

Mr. Walker is a former advisory board member of the National Major Gang Task Force and a former non active law enforcement member of the South Carolina Attorney General's Statewide Gang Task Force. Currently he is a staff member with PoliceOne.com, an international law enforcement web site with over 400,000 members representing over 16,000 departments.

Mr. Walker has appeared as a guest panelist on Court TV, Fox Television National News, The Michael Reagan Radio Talk Show, Jamaican Radio, Canadian Radio, the British Broadcasting Company, Atlanta, GA radio, Johannesburg, South Africa Talk Radio, Radio Cayman, Massachusetts Talk Radio, local television news, plus numerous interviews for national and local newspapers and magazines.

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